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INTERVIEW SUMMARY/REPLY TO MAY 14, 2009 RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In reply to Undersigned's inquiries regarding the appropriateness of the outstanding Restriction Requirement in light of four previous Non-Final Office Actions in this case, the Examiner has agreed to withdraw the Restriction Requirement in a telephone interview conducted on June 8, 2009.

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's time at resolving this issue efficiently and to bring this case to conclusion. As noted in Applicant's last response, it is believed that the claims patentably define over the art of record, and accordingly, Applicant believes this case is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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